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SUBJ: BERLIN ELECTIONS: FINAL RESULTS

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1. SUMMARY: PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF ELECTION, AS OF 11:30 P.M. MARCH

2. INDICATE THAT CDU HAS BECOME STRONGEST PARTY IN BERLIN. HOWEVER  
SPD  
AND FDP WILL FORM COALITION GOVERNMENT. OTHER PARTIES FAILED TO CLEAR  
FIVE PERCENT HURDLE. END SUMMARY.

2. POLLS CLOSED ON MARCH 2 BERLIN ELECTIONS AT 6:00 P.M. AND  
ALL BALLOTS COUNTED BY 11:30 P.M. FINAL RESULT, WHICH MUST BE  
CONFIRMED LATER BY ELECTORAL COMMISSION, IS THAT CDU WITH 43.7 PERCENT  
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OF VOTE (38.2 IN 1971) HAS EMERGED AS STRONGEST PARTY IN BERLIN.  
SPD, WHICH HAD ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF 50.4 PERCENT IN 1971, RECEIVED 42  
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PERCENT OF VOTE. FDP WAS REDUCED SLIGHTLY FROM 1971 PERCENTAGE (8.5)  
TO 7.2 PERCENT. NEW PARTY, BUND FREISES DEUTSCHLAND (BFD) RECEIVED  
3.4 PERCENT AND SEW 1.9 PERCENT (DOWN FROM 1971 FIGURE OF 2.3 PERCENT  
.  
KPD AND KBW TOGETHER RECEIVED LESS THAN 0.8 PERCENT OF VOTE.

3. BECAUSE OF WORKINGS COMPLICATED BERLIN PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION  
AL  
SYSTEM, NEW HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (WHICH WILL CONVENE LATE  
APRIL) WILL HAVE 146 SEATS AS COMPARED WITH 138 SEATS IN PRESENT  
HOUSE.  
CDU WILL RECEIVE 68 SEATS (14 MORE THAN AT PRESENT), SPD 67  
SEATS (6 LESS THAN PRESENT), AND FDP 11 (SAME AS IN PRESENT HOUSE).  
CDU THEREFORE WILL BE ABLE ELECT PRESIDENT OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE  
S;  
CHAIRMAN OF BERLIN CDU, PETER LORENZ (WHO WAS KIDNAPPED ON FEBRUARY  
27  
BY ANARCHISTS AND IS STILL IN THEIR CUSTODY) IS PARTY'S CHOICE  
FOR POSITION.

4. SPD AND FDP WILL FORM COALITION GOVERNMENT, SPD CHAIRMAN  
KLAUS SCHUETZ AND FDP CHAIRMAN WOLFGANG LUEDER MET BRIEFLY EVENING OF  
MARCH 2 TO DISCUSS MATTER. HOWEVER, SCHUETZ AND LUEDER WILL NOT  
PURSUE  
FORMALLY FORMATION OF COALITION GOVERNMENT UNTIL PETER LORENZ IS FREE.

FDP STILL WANTS MINIMUM OF THREE SENATORIAL PORTFOLIOS.

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5. CDU CAPTURED SIX OF WEST BERLIN'S TWELVE BURROUGHS (THEY HAD  
CONTROLLED FOUR AFTER 1971 ELECTIONS)-- ADDING TEMPELHOF (LORENZ'  
DISTRICT) AND SCHOENEBOURG. A CDU MAYOR OF SCHOENEBOURG THEREFORE  
WILL BE NEW HOST TO SPD-FDP COALITION GOVERNMENT, SINCE BERLIN CITY  
ADMINISTRATION OCCUPIES MOST OF SPACE IN RATHAUS SCHOENEBOURG.

6 AT LEAST FIVE SENATORS IN PRESENT GOVERNMENT LOST DIRECT MANDATES:  
STOBBE-FEDERAL AFFAIRS, REICHEL-FAMILY, YOUTH AND SPORT; RIEBSCHALAE

ER-

BUILDING AND HOUSING; LIEHR-LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS; AND KORBER-  
JUSTICE HOWEVER, ALL WILL RECEIVE INDIRECT MANDATES THROUGH  
SELECTION FROM PARTY LISTS. (KORBER, WHO HAS ANGERED FDP LEADERS  
DURING  
ELECTION CAMPAIGN, PROBABLY WILL NOT RECEIVE SENATORIAL PORTFOLIO IN  
NEW COALITION GOVERNMENT.)

7 MOST POLITICAL OBSERVERS ATTRIBUTE SPD LOSSES TO SYMPATHY  
VOTE FOR CDU AS RESULT OF ABDUCTION OF PETER LORENZ. OTHER  
CONTRIBUTING  
FACTORS, HOWEVER, WERE INFLATION, UNEMPLOYMENT, DISSATISFACTION  
WITH PRESENT SENAT EFFORTS TO CURB CRIME AND FOREIGN LABOR, AND  
GENERAL MALAISE WITH A PARTY THAT HAS RULED IN BERLIN FOR OVER  
27 YEARS. ADDITIONAL COMMENT FOLLOWS BY SEPTEL.GEORGE

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